

REMARKS

The claims are claims 1, 2, 6 to 13, 15 and 20 to 47.

The application has been amended at page 20 in response to the Examiner's objection to Figure 9. Figure 9 has been amended to include reference numbers cited in the new text on page 20. The claims are unchanged.

The text and copy of Figure 9 supplied by the Examiner match the Applicants' copy. A detailed description of Figure 9 was omitted from the original application. The inserted text is descriptive of the subject matter illustrated in Figure 9. The register file 76 referred to in the original application at page 19, line 30 and page 20, lines 3 and 5/6 is illustrated in Figures 3, 6a and 7. This inserted text refers to further description of predicated operation. This further description appears in the original application at page 26, lines 1 to 8 in conjunction with Figure 15. Note that the second example (page 26, lines 8 and 9) involves a predication register A0 in the opposite data path as the destination register B9 as described in the final sentence of the inserted text. The inserted text is of the same type as the original text describing Figures 10 to 14.

The Applicants respectfully submit that as amended the application includes proper description of the subject matter illustrated in Figure 9.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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